



PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 04185.0005-09000

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
David F. CARMICHAEL et al.) Group Art Unit: 1636
Application No.: 09/987,357) Examiner: Gerald G. Leffers, Jr.
Filed: November 14, 2001)
For: HUMAN COLLAGENASE)
INHIBITOR, RECOMBINANT)
VECTOR SYSTEM FOR USING)
SAME AND RECOMBINANT DNA)
METHOD FOR THE)
MANUFACTURE OF SAME)

Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT

Applicants now reply to the Office Action mailed February 25, 2003. The period for reply has been extended for two month by a Petition for Two Month Extension of Time and fee filed concurrently herewith. Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the substitute specification filed January 25, 2002, as follows:

Please replace paragraph [016], with the following paragraph:

--[016] The coding strand of a first preferred DNA sequence which has been discovered has the following nucleotide sequence (SEQ ID No: 5):